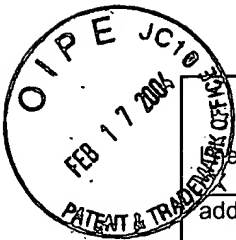


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Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and comments.

A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is submitted herewith.